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SUBJ: ROKG RESPONSE TO US TEXTILE AGREEMENT

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY CHANG YIE JOON ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK THAT MCI WOULD CONTROL FUTURE EXPANSION OF CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TEXTILE MILLS IN ORDER TO GUIDE THEM INTO MANUFACTURING HIGH-QUALITY AND HIGH-VALUE GOODS. WHILE URGING FIRMS TO SEEK NEW MARKETS INSUCH GROWING MARKETS AS THE MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA, THE REAL OBJECTIVE IS TO EXPLOIT KOREA'S BETTER COMPETITIVE POSITION VIS-A-VIS TAIWAN AND HONG KONG AND TO USE THE OPENINGS OFFERED BY THE US TEXTILE AGREEMENT WHICH WAS MOST RESTRICTIVE ON SENSITIVE CATEGORIES -- SHIRTS, BLOUSES, SWEATERS AND MEN'S SUITS -- BUT OFFERED OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGHER GROWTH IN OTHE CATEGORIES. EXPECTING TO BE ROLLED BACK TO 1976 REDUCTION IN REAL VALUE ADDED IN TEXTILES DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 977, THE ROKG IS CLEARLY LOOKING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH TO ACHIEVE CONTINUED GROWTH OF OUPUT AND EXPORTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, MINISTER CHANG EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE US AGREEMENT WAS HAPPILY DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SCOPE FOR KOREAN GROWTH.

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